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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: THAI RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 3911 (B) BANGKOK 6556; (C) BANGKOK 6629
(D) PHNOM PENH 3799

1. THE KHMER BEUSINESSMAN MENTIONED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REF A, AS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CAMBODIAN AND THAI GROUP, APPROACHED THE GKR SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AS SUGGESTED BY LY KIM HENG AND MADE THE SAME OFFER THERE. THE BUSINESSMAN WAS AGAIN INFORMED THAT, UNLESS HE COULD FURNISH AN OFFICIAL FIRM COMMITMENT FROM THE THAI GOVERNMENT, HIS OFFER COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED. FYI: HIS SOURCE IS NOT NECESSARILY PRIVATE THAI RICE EXPORTERS AS IMPLIED IN PARA 2, REF. B. IT MAY BE PWO UNDER A SPECIAL FAVORABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH PAYMENT OF ONLY THE $3.85 PER METRIC TON SPECIAL HANDLING CHARGE. THE KHMER BUSINESSMAN LEFT APRIL 30 FOR BANGKOK TO OBTAIN THE REQUESTED RTG GUARANTEE. END FYI.

2. ALTHOUGH LY KIM HENG DOES NOT EXPECT THAT THE KHMER BUSINESSMAN WILL BRING THE DAMANDED GUARANTEE, HE PREFERS TO WAIT TWO TO THREE DAYS BEFORE ACCEPTING OFFICIAL GOVERN-MENT OFFER OF $200 PER METRIC TON PLUS FREIGHT.

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3. FOR AID/ W. WE HAVE STATED THAT THE INFORMATION REGARDING SOURCES OF RICE IN THAILAND GIVEN IN REF. A MIGHT BE AT VARIANCE WITH THAT GIVEN IN REF. D. SOURCES OF RICE ARE CORRECTLY GIVEN IN REF. C.
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